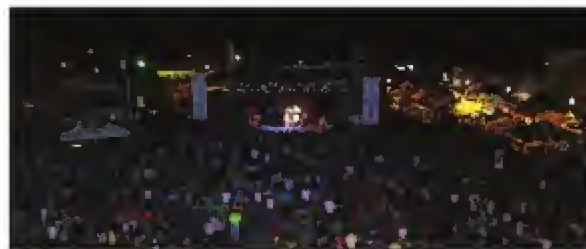




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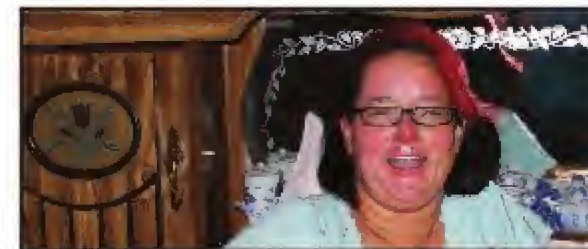
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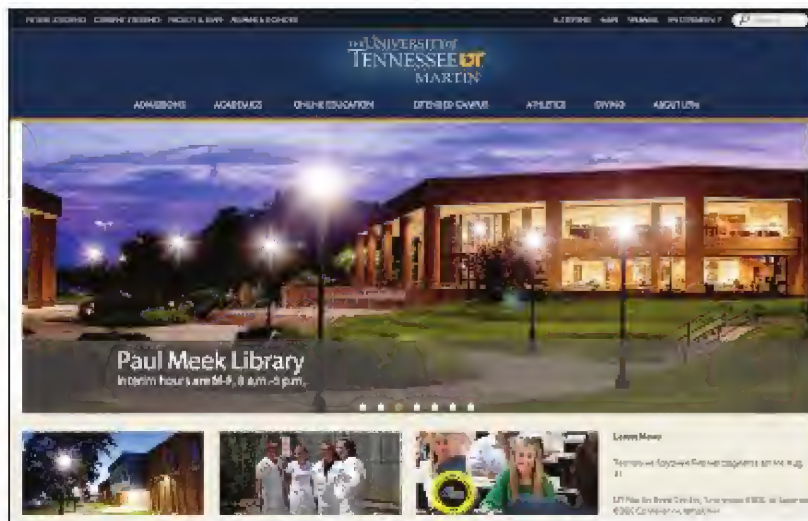
On Aug. 16, UTM Chancellor Tom Rakes, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Jerald Ogg and UT President Joe DiPietro cut the ribbon in honor of the completion of the new 112,000-square-foot, \$14 million Fine Arts Building on campus. (See Page 5 for full story) | **Pacer Photo/Alex Jacobi**



On July 22, Frank McMeen, Harbert Alexander Jr., UTM Chancellor Tom Rakes, Gov. Bill Haslam and Robert Caldwell revealed the designs for the new 10,000-square-foot addition to the UTM Parsons Center dedicated to furthering the nursing program. | **Pacer Photo/Alex Jacobi**



This summer, a donor provided UTM a new pivot for some of the farm plots on Hyndsver Road. The donor also provided labor, electrical costs and other materials. | **Pacer Photo/Mary Jean Hall**



On July 31, UTM launched its new website, revamping the design and featuring new photos of campus from University Photographer Nathan Morgan. (See Page 5 for full story)



The University of Tennessee Board of Trustees approved a 6 percent in-state tuition increase on June 20. (See Page 3 for related story) | **Pacer Photo/Alex Jacobi**

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# Viewpoints

## EDITORIAL

### The Pacer changes look for the new year

*The Pacer* has made some changes this year.

First, we have changed the size and look of our biweekly print edition. In doing this, we hope to give you a more compact publication that you can hold easier, yet a publication that still has all the information you want and need. We have also changed the content that goes in the print edition to be stories that have a sort of timelessness to them, stories that take the news and events you already know about and go more in-depth with them, stories to hang on your refrigerator. Any newspaper can tell you what, when and where it happened, but how many of them offer you the why and the how? Here, we hope to explore those questions.

Also, we have created a

completely new website, thepacernet. This website was launched today, and we encourage you to check it out, because it is 10 times better than the one we had before. We have had the dream to re-do our website ever since the middle of last year, and with some help this summer from one of our Managing Editors, Bradley Stringfield, we accomplished that. This website offers you a much more detailed navigation system for finding the articles within each of our sections, and it offers you media that we couldn't offer before – videos, photo galleries and a homepage slideshow of our top stories. This will be updated every day, giving you all the news that you need to know in digital format, so you can share it on your own social media and access

it on your smart devices.

Every August, college semesters all over the country begin. Freshmen enter with naivety to the secondary education world; upperclassmen enter with a list of things to check off so they can walk across the stage when their time is up. This year is no different. However, for *The Pacer*, this year is very different. We are on a quest to change, to be better than we were before, to strive to be a consistently excellent publication. Our message is the same, but our methods are changing. We are making the move to become a staff that is all in, completely dedicated to being better journalists and completely dedicated to making *The Pacer* the best newspaper it can be.

For those on the staff and editorial board of *The Pacer*, this

isn't just a side project for us. It is our first priority, along with our own educations. We want to take your concerns and your opinions seriously. We want to deliver something that's relevant and engaging. We want to give you an authentic and respectable place to get information and to add opinions of your own. The editorial board of this publication runs the show in order to get the content out, but in the end, you are the voice.

So, welcome to the orderly chaos that is *The Pacer*. We hope that you will join us in our quest by writing to us, offering us your input, visiting our website or simply picking up a paper off the rack and reading it.

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## COLUMN

### 6 percent tuition increase benefits UTM

Malorie Paine

Managing Editor

Tuition has risen 6 percent for this year, and at first, I was a little upset.

I didn't really understand the need behind the tuition increase. However, after doing some digging, I found some answers that I hadn't necessarily expected to find.

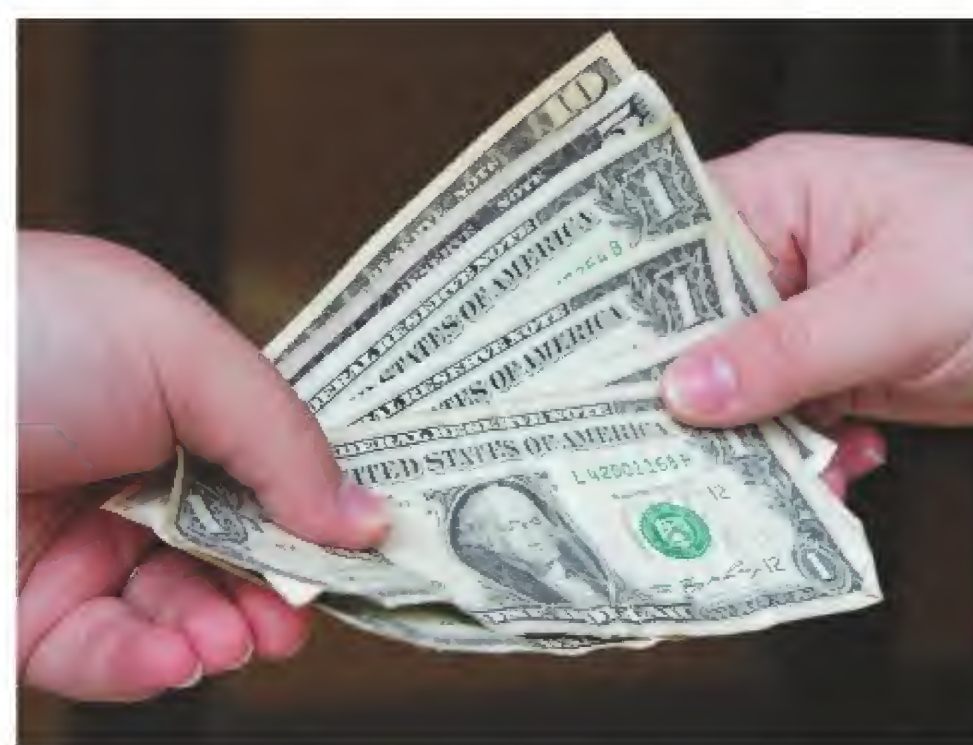
UTM's tuition is among the lowest in the state and area. Compared to similar schools, especially when food and housing costs are added, UTM currently has the lowest total cost in the state. Even with the 6 percent increase, UTM's tuition is still, on average, in the middle of tuition costs for all four-year colleges in Tennessee.

One of UTM's administrators told me that part of the increase

is going to be set aside for a faculty compensation plan. This money will go toward increasing UTM staff and faculty's salaries.

The compensation plan is being put in place to help match UTM's faculty with other schools. Increasing faculty salaries is something that will essentially allow the university to bring in and keep quality professors and staff.

While I'm grateful that UTM wants to keep the good professors that we all like, the university was unable to hire any additional faculty this year with the increase. They were able to fill the vacancies, but did not hire any additional faculty members. I understand there are many people who want this university to grow and make it better, but without new faculty and new input, I don't see how that is possible. At some point,



Pacer Photo/Alex Jacobi

new faculty positions have to be created to cover the high number of enrollment that UTM has.

Of course, any increase in tuition is difficult for students.

However, if the quality of education received from UTM continues to increase, then I'm fine paying a little bit more for that education.

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# News

## Students see 84 percent tuition increase over past decade

**Dylan Gillespie**

Research Writer

UTM students see 84 percent increase in tuition over last decade

Current UTM students are paying \$1,606 more in tuition per semester, which is an increase of almost 84 percent, than those who attended just 10 years ago. In fact, this year alone tuition increased by 6 percent.

Of this year's increase, Dr. Jerald Ogg points out that there are pros and cons.

"The bad news about the increase is [that] we did not have an opportunity to hire new lines, we replaced faculty that left but weren't able to add new ones; the good news is part of the six percent includes compensation adjustment plan that will help us keep faculty," said Dr. Jerald Ogg.

In 2003, it cost only \$1,915 per semester for a Tennessee resident to attend UTM. Today, it costs \$3,521.

While tuition is increasing, state appropriations are decreasing. For some students, however, Tennessee Lottery Scholarship (TLS) awards, which includes the Hope Scholarship, are there to help fill in some of the monetary gap.

Spencer Bowers, UTM College Democrats President, believes the current trend of tuition increases will play an increasingly negative role in higher education.

"For years now, the General Assembly has balanced the budget in part on the backs of college students. This trend simply cannot continue or Tennesseans seeking a higher education will not be able to consider a higher education. That will make it harder for us as a state to compete in the marketplace both here in the U.S. and abroad," Bowers said.

Beginning in 2004, lottery-funded scholarships became available to Tennessee high school seniors who are eligible. Today, some 100,000 students in Tennessee receive TLS awards.

Those who graduated from high school prior to 2009 are eligible to receive up to \$4,000 per year; those who graduated post-'09 are eligible to receive up to \$6,000 per year. So, a recipient of the TLS actually pays less for tuition than the same student would have paid in 2003.

It is not just the amount of these awards either; more and more high school graduates receive the awards each year. In just the last three years, the number of UTM students who receive TLS awards has increased from 3,095 to 4,825 – about half the student population.

This increase in TLS awards has played a role in the decrease of state appropriations for the UTM budget. In 2004, TN state appropriations accounted for almost 51 percent of the UTM budget; today those appropriations account for a mere 30 percent, while tuition currently makes up 65 percent of the budget.

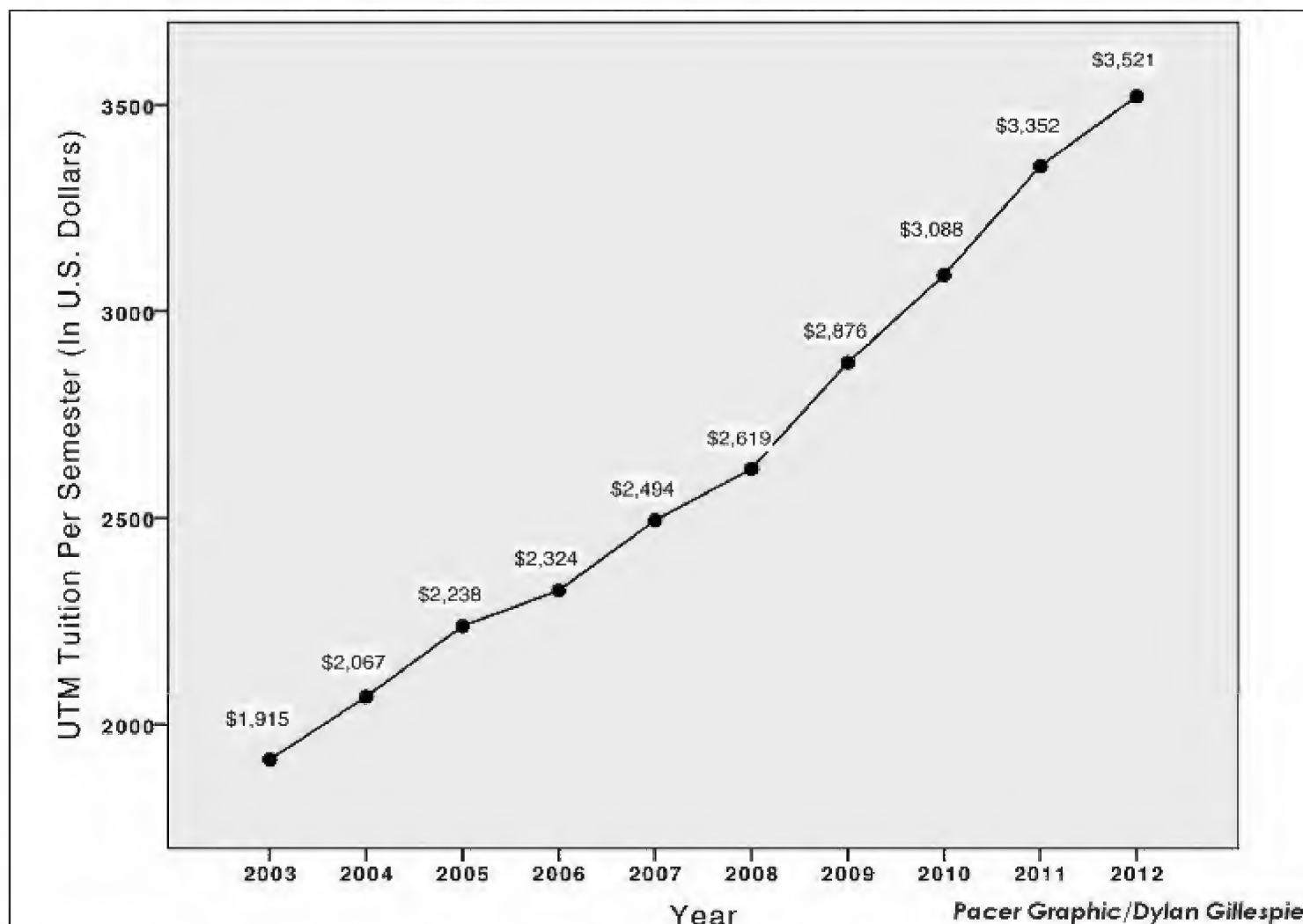
By raising the cost of tuition, the school is able to make up for the funds it used to receive from the state. At UTM, students who receive TLS awards actually pay less than \$1,500 in tuition after their TLS awards are accounted for.

"While the Hope Scholarship may help young students who make the grade, that is only one small piece of a large, expensive puzzle and it does not extend to non-traditional students," Bowers said.

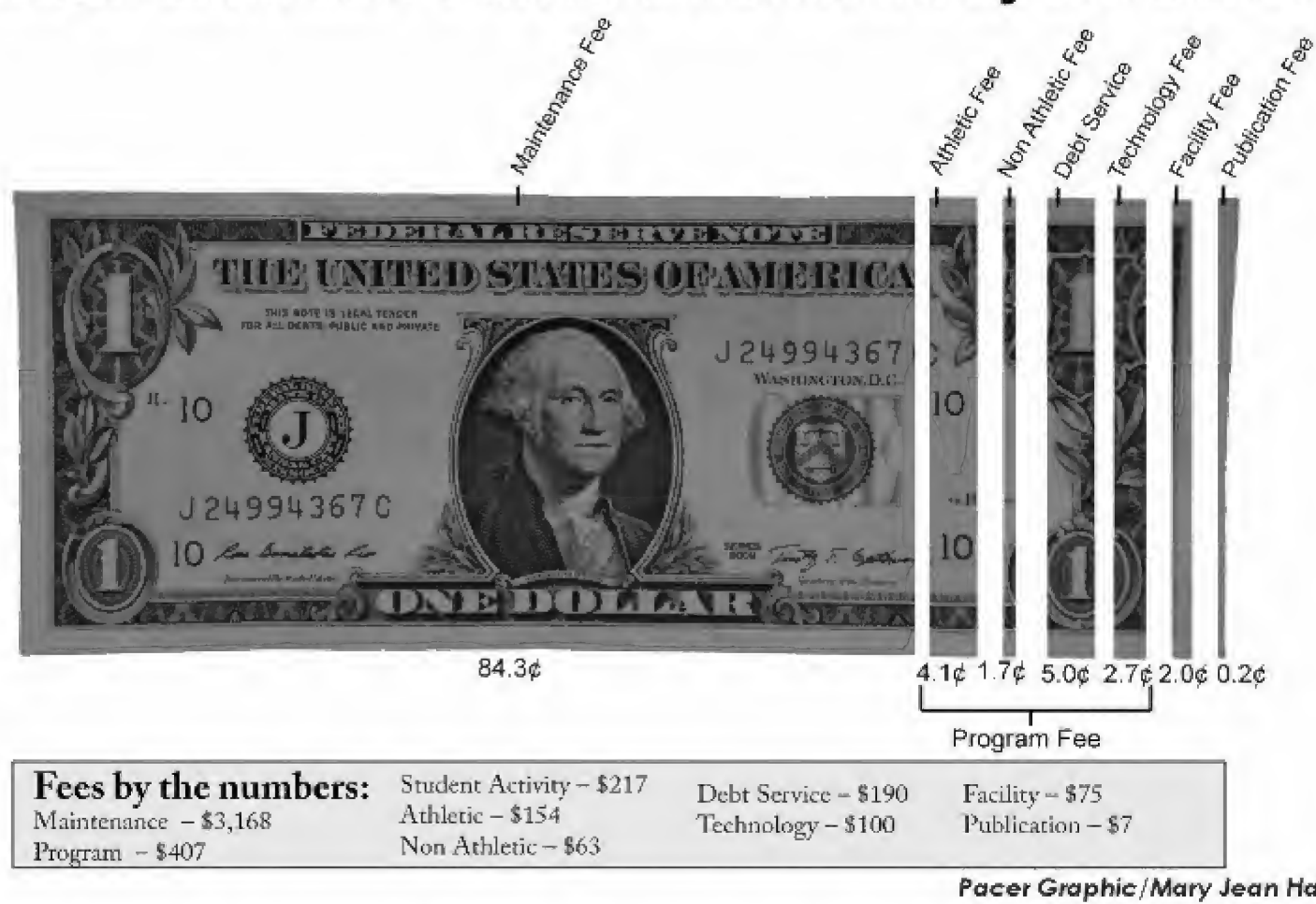
The other half that does not receive TLS awards, including non-traditional students, is often left with no choice but to accumulate enormous debt to pay for an undergraduate degree.

Colleen Perkins, UTM College Republicans President, believes rising tuition costs are a product of recent economic woes in the U.S. and that a college education is an investment in one's future.

"Although tuition has risen over the past several years, a college education is still an investment in one's future. For



### 2013 semester tuition breakdown by the dollar



one to depend on government appropriations to start and manage your investment is unwise. The rising tuition is merely a reflection of America's current economic struggles.

Tuition will continue to rise as our economy fluctuates in response to the economic policies that our government leaders have implemented," Perkins said.

Considering the ever

diminishing funding at the state level, universities will have no choice but to continue increasing the cost of tuition.



# News

## Get involved through student organizations

**Mary Jean Hall**

**Kara Kidwell**

News Editor

Social Media Manager

The Office of Student Organizations is rolling out a few new programs this year in order to assist students looking to get involved on campus.

Katie Smith, Student Organizations coordinator, has many big plans for student organizations this year. Smith started her position as coordinator last December.

Smith has already revamped the website, called The Hub, to be more student-friendly, which can be found at [www.thehub.orgsync.com](http://www.thehub.orgsync.com).

"We really want freshmen to start utilizing it," Smith said.

Smith encourages the freshmen and upperclassmen to get into the habit of checking The Hub for Student Life events. Students can also utilize the website to rent tables and boards, start a new organization, apply for travel funds, submit ideas and more.

Students can even submit events through their organization's OrgSync page to be featured on the Student Life calendar.

The Office of Student Organizations is also rolling out a few new programs this year in order to assist Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) and Greek organizations. RSOs are now able to rent a table for the University Center hallway through OrgSync. Previously students have been able to reserve tables only after visiting multiple people for approval. Now, this will be "one-stop shopping" for the organization leaders, as signatures needed for approval will now be gathered electronically.

The organization contact will need to provide their RSO name, date, and times they



Students from the Baptist Collegiate Ministry help a new student move in Thursday during Move-In Mania. The event was a Gold Star event for points for registered student organizations. | *Pacer Photo/Kara Kidwell*

**For more information about student organizations, visit:**  
**[www.thehub.orgsync.com](http://www.thehub.orgsync.com)**

would like to have the table. It is recommended that RSOs reserve their table at least one week in advance through OrgSync.

RSOs and Greek organizations will also be able to reserve one of the three bulletin boards in the University Center hallway, also near the food courts, for their group. The boards may be used to promote the group or promote an event or service project the group is hosting.

Groups may reserve the boards for a one-week period on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups will have the board from 1 p.m. Sunday to the following Sunday at noon.

If the organization does not

remove their items at the end of the one-week period, they will be thrown away and the group will not be able to reserve a board for a month. It is recommended that organizations reserve a board at least one week in advance for their group.

Smith also expects to utilize OrgSync more, and each student will be registered into OrgSync at the beginning of the semester if he or she hasn't already joined.

OrgSync is a place where students can go to find out more about student organizations and clubs on campus, without ever having to leave their computer. It's basically the online community for the UTM campus.

Students can access OrgSync through the UTM portal or at [www.orgsync.com](http://www.orgsync.com). From there, one can search for the types of groups they are interested in joining. The main group categories are academic, club sport, departmental, Greek, honorary, professional, religious, residence halls, service, special interest and student governance. Under the "Organizations" tab, select the "add organization" button. From there, one can view all of the organizations at UTM and then request to join.

Some organizations require a password to join. If that's the case, either get the password from the organization's leader, or

simply send a request to join.

Once a person has joined a club, they have access to the "Community Home" page, which displays community events, organization posts and other helpful student organization information.

Organization members can write on the page wall, participate in polls, view videos and photos, fill out important forms, participate in discussions, view the calendar and much more.

An underused resource for students is the e-Portfolio, which can be found under the "My Tools" section. E-Portfolio is basically an online resume for your student organization involvement on campus.

According to Smith, the e-Portfolio should be available even after students graduate from the university. Whether a graduate needs an "organization resume" for a job interview, or just wants to save a copy, the e-Portfolio will be available.

The Office of Student Organizations now requires that every organization's roster be updated on OrgSync before any major event, so it is very important for students to register with their appropriate groups.

Outside of the new programs, Smith encourages students to get involved to make the most of his or her college experience.

"The best thing is to get out there and meet people," Smith said.

"Attend a bunch of student organizations meetings and always stay in the loop by checking in with the student organizations website. It's the best way to get plugged in."

Organizations will be given more information about these services at the Presidents Roundtable Meeting, which will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 9 in the University Center Ballroom.



# News

## Fine Arts Phase One complete

Alex Jacobi

Executive Editor

After four years of waiting, two departments in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts finally got what they have been waiting for: a new 112,000-square-foot, \$14 million building that can better house music, art and theater.

"We're [now] all together in one place," said Doug Cook, chair of the Department of Visual and Theatre Arts.

"One-stop shopping for the arts is our goal. I remember the excitement of the 1970 opening of the Fine Arts Building. What a thrill it is to witness the renovation and expansion," said Dr. Elaine Harriss, chair of the Department of Music.

Dr. Joe DiPietro, UT president, Dr. Tom Rakes, UTM chancellor, and Dr. Jerald Ogg, UTM provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, led the ribbon-cutting on Friday, Aug. 16, each speaking of the benefits of the new building for the campus and community.

"Today is an exciting day for us. We haven't had a new building on this campus for over 40 years," Rakes said.

The building includes 35 offices, 23 practice rooms, three rehearsal halls, two lecture halls, 12 large specialized studios, five classrooms, additional computer labs and specialized spaces for band, music and the visual arts. Within these spaces are state-of-the-art lighting, technology and acoustics. However, Rakes said the renovations won't stop there.

"Plans are under way for Phase Two, which will be a renovation of the Harriet Fulton Theater," he said.

As for the long wait on the building, Rakes praised those who supported and worked toward the completion of the renovation.

"It's tough when you've been relocated. Students have to reorient with what's there. You really have to cooperate across lines, and that happened. ... I think it was well worth the wait.



Phase One of the Fine Arts Building renovation includes 35 office spaces, 23 practice rooms, three rehearsal halls, two lecture halls, 12 large specialized studios, five classrooms, additional computer labs and specialized spaces for band, music and the visual arts. | *Pacer*

Photo/Alex Jacobi

A vision is essential, but execution is what's required to complete the task," Rakes said.

DiPietro also expressed gratitude for the new addition to UTM, talking about how Fine Arts and education are important for this area of Tennessee.

"I know that this kind of activity around Fine Arts is good for the region for a lot of reasons. It solidifies the fact that you're a cultural hub for the region, and it affects the quality of life here in West Tennessee very positively. It affects the economic development of the region from the standpoint of potential industry partners who move into the area are going to look for this kind of an opportunity to [invest in]. ... It provides community service, without a doubt, and connects with the people," DiPietro said.

"It's great to be around on days like this. ... This is a day to cheer on UT Martin and to come take a look at this building," he said.

As for students in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts, this will be the first time for many to attend classes and practice their arts in the Fine Arts Building.

"It is very exciting for the dance program, because we now have

stages to perform on. We have been performing in the studio and in the Student Life Center ever since I have been here, so we are all so excited about having the performance space, as well as the lighting to experiment with and incorporate into the pieces," said Leah Jean Graham, a senior Performing and Fine Arts major.

Not only are students excited about the quality of the building, but many are excited about the departments being together again.

"The unveiling of the new Fine Arts Building will, no doubt, increase the morale, recruitment and family atmosphere we so deeply treasure in the College of Humanities and Fine Arts," said Timothy Johnson, a senior Music Education major.

Faculty, staff and students also hope to use the new facility to improve education and service.

"I think the important thing to know is that we're going to be doing much greater and better things here at this university, and we'll be able to support and improve our teaching and service to the community," Cook said.

To read the complete story on the reopening of the Fine Arts building, go to [www.thepacer.net](http://www.thepacer.net).

## Check out redesigned campus site: UTM.edu

Aimee Bilger

Staff Writer

Of the several changes that happened at UTM over the summer, many students and faculty noticed the bold change that the look of UTM.edu took on July 31.

"We wanted to strip out the old while maintaining the new," said Craig Ingram, Director of Web Services and Information Technology Services.

Ingram has been with the Web Services since May 2001 and has held his current position as director of ITS for one year.

During this time, Ingram wanted to know what changes the UTM website was lacking. He and his staff began to gather feedback from the campus faculty members and students. Their main goal was to make sure that the site would be more user-friendly and that any device would be able to access all the pages and content with ease.

"Our objective is to make sure that everyone on campus is aware that we are listening to the ideas and concerns of our users," Ingram said.

Ingram and the staff had a desire to stream UTM.edu live, but the old site didn't meet the needs of all the users. The idea for the updated design began in the fall of 2012 and went into full force in May of this year.

The problems that users were facing when logging onto the

site was the ability to view all necessary content according to the type of device that was being used. The new design and setup will optimize the experience, making it easy for anyone to access, whether it's through a smartphone, laptop or desktop.

ITS updates the content of the site on a daily basis, along with paying close attention to the way students use the site.

New enrollees have access to their own personal link that will help them with basic questions they may have about what UTM has to offer including tuition, enrollment applications, important campus dates and scheduling a tour date of the campus.

Current students have access also to their own personal link that will guide them through academic programs, technology services, resources and student services.

The updated site offers Google and Apple apps so there will be easy access to all UTM website needs.

If students have any suggestions regarding anything concerning UTM, they can click on the Suggestion Box link located in the footer of the homepage. The suggestion will be submitted anonymously to the area on campus that deals with the subject of the suggestion.

For more information on the UTM web site, contact ITS at 731-881-7900.

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# News

## UTM welcomes 36 new faculty members this year

**Malorie Paine**

*Managing Editor, Print*

UTM students and faculty alike can expect to see many new faces around campus this year.

This is a new year with many new faculty joining the UTM family. In fact, three of the five deans are new to campus this year.

Dr. Todd Winters is the dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Dr. Ross N. Dickens is the dean of the College of Business and Global Affairs and Dr. Mark Kelley is the dean of the College of Education, Health and Behavioral Sciences.

"To have a 60 percent turnover in one year is amazing; I don't think that has ever happened," said Dr. Jerald Ogg, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Including three new deans, UTM welcomes 36 new faculty members to the family.

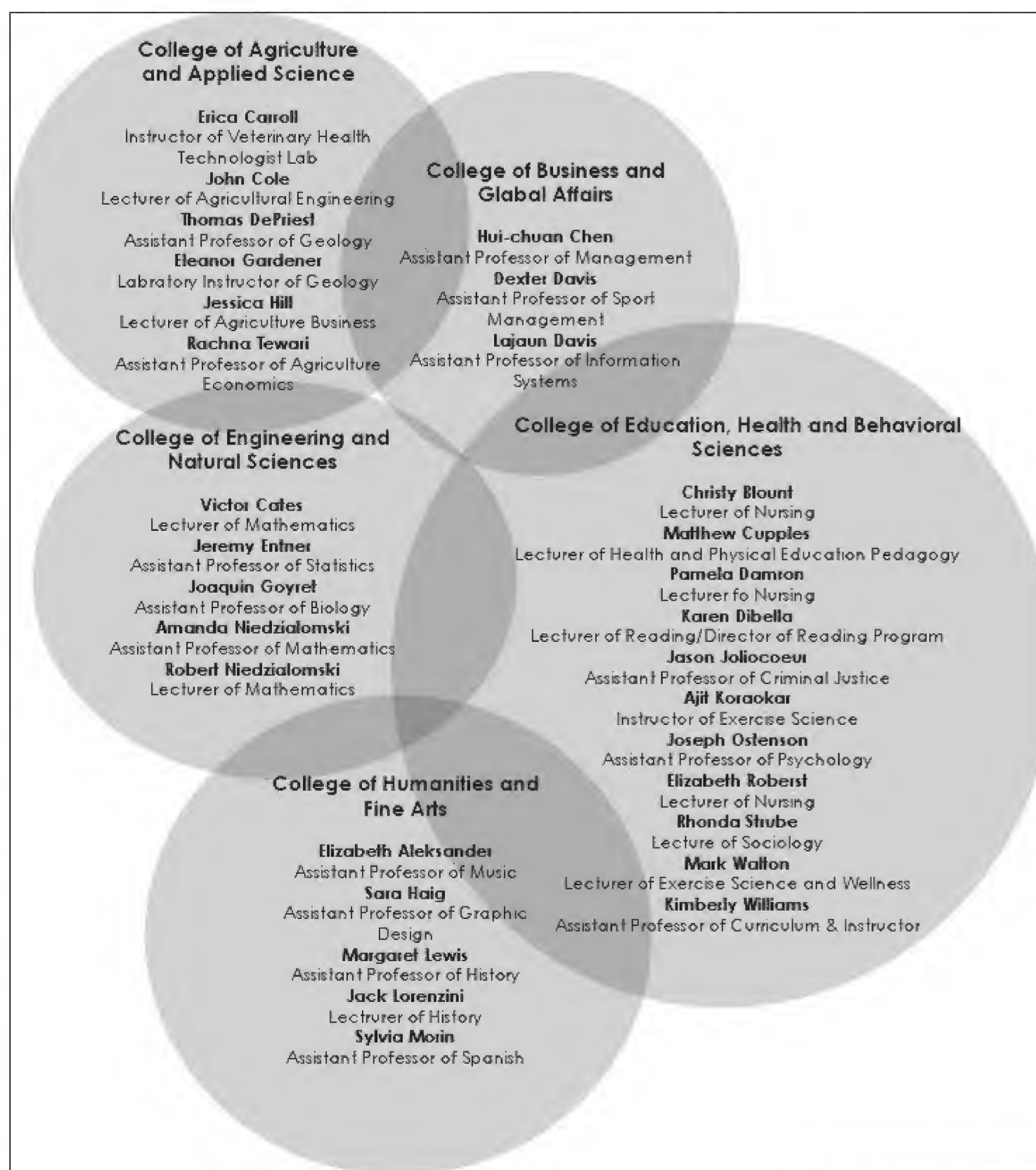
"We attracted a large group that believes that ... the students are not a bother, the students are the focus," Ogg said.

Ogg says he believes this group of faculty truly understands the UTM culture as it relates to the students. Ogg made sure to inform each person he interviewed that this is a school focused on the student and the classroom.

"I want to hire faculty who won't see students as intrusions, but as the reason we are here," Ogg said.

He made sure that he spent at least 30 minutes of his interview time with each candidate letting them know that this school is one where students are No. 1. Ogg says that this year, students can expect a new energy on campus that he has already been able to witness firsthand.

"I've been teaching part of New Faculty Orientation since 1999 ... this year's New Faculty Orientation had more energy



*Pacer Graphic/Malorie Paine*

and more interaction than any of the years I've been doing it," Ogg said.

With new faculty, students can expect slight changes to classes, maybe even a new perspective on things they've already learned in other classes.

"Any time you have new faculty, a couple of things happen: new academic backgrounds and a noticeable new energy," Ogg said.

Each faculty member has a

specific area of research that they can bring to their classes that other professors may not have. With each special interest comes a new perspective on topics.

Ogg says though he understands the tuition increase is tough for students, he believes it will help make this university better. Part of the increase is going to a plan the university hopes to use to keep faculty at UTM.

"I know the 6 percent increase is tough for students for tuition to keep going up, but what we are doing with that money is creating a stronger university. And I think we are; it lets us attract better faculty and keep better faculty," Ogg said.

"I think with new, young faculty coming here, when they like it and see they are able to make what their peers at other schools make, on average, we

are more likely to keep the good ones."

Students who are returning to campus this year can expect several things from their new professors and deans: new attitudes, new ideas and new connections.

"For current students, they had the opportunity to know the old faculty and now will meet the new faculty; they get two for the price of one," Ogg said.

"You get the traditional UT Martin experience that the retired faculty member represented along with the new blood, maybe with a different experience and a different set of contacts that will maybe help the students."

Returning students can look at the new faculty as individuals to help them make further connections, write reference letters and even lead to internships and jobs.

Having new faculty is something Ogg views as a benefit to students. Ogg said that even though there is a large number of new faculty members, they all have the same attitude about UTM.

"I think we have a good mix of faculty. Some that have been here for a while can teach the new faculty 'here's who we are' and the new faculty have an attitude of 'I want to be a part of this' and then they make it better," Ogg said.

Ogg says he expects the new faculty to offer lots to the students of UTM. Ogg is student-focused and believes this faculty will be too.

"[Students] are our legacies; to any extent that we could live forever, we do that through the people we leave behind and that we make a difference with; the faculty that we've hired heard that before they came, and I think they've kind of agreed upon it," Ogg said.



# Arts & Entertainment

## Soybean Festival brings excitement to town

**Becca Partridge**

*Arts and Entertainment Editor*

The fall semester brings with it the 20th annual Tennessee Soybean Festival.

The Soybean Festival will be held in downtown Martin from Sept 1-8. The festival gives the UTM students a chance to get off campus and relax after the first week of classes has ended.

First begun in 1994, the Soybean Festival has become an annual weeklong celebration full of events such as pageants, tractor-pulls, competitions and performances by well-known musicians. The Soybean Festival boasts of having Tim McGraw as one of the first big names to perform during its festivities.

This year, the festival has a few pre-festival events scheduled. On Thursday, Aug. 29, there will be a Heroes Dinner held for the Martin Police, Tennessee Highway Patrol and the Martin Fire Department at the Pecan Grove Bed and Breakfast at 6 p.m.

The next event on the schedule is the Biodiesel Tractor/Truck Pull on Friday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. at the Martin Recreation Complex. Tickets will be \$10; ages 5 and under are free.

The Little Miss Soybean Festival Pageant will be held Saturday Aug. 31. The categories range from ages 0 to 21, and will continue throughout the day, with the first category beginning at 10 a.m. The pageant serves as a preliminary round for the Strawberry Festival Pageant. Tickets for this event will be \$5.

Later that day will be the WOW Wrestling event. This will be held at Festival Park at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$10, while ages 5 and under will be free.

On Sunday, Sept. 1, at 7 p.m. in the Martin Recreation Complex, there will be a performance by a Beatles Tribute Band: The Return, as well as a fireworks display celebrating the 20th anniversary

of the Soybean Festival.

There are always a wide variety of musicians who perform at the Soybean Festival. The festival offers a variety of performers from country to classic rock. This year will be no different. Beginning Tuesday and running through Saturday, there will be a free concert every night featuring artists and bands from around the country.

There will be many events held during the week. A Weakley County Farming Photo Exhibit: Past to Present will be held on display every day from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the CE Weldon Library from Monday through Wednesday. An Art Exhibit and Competition will be held Wednesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday, there will be a City-Wide Merchant Sidewalk Sale all day. This sale will involve businesses from around town.

Throughout the week, there will be carnival rides, vendors and games every night from 5 p.m. - midnight, with the exception of Saturday, which will have rides, vendors and games from 10 a.m. - midnight.

On Monday, there will be a Bicycle Rodeo. Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. with the rodeo beginning at 4 p.m. in the Police parking lot. From 3-6 p.m., there will be a Soybean Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest held at the Weldon Public Library.

Also on Monday, the 9th Annual Soybean Festival Talent Contest will be held at 5 p.m. This contest is a preliminary round for the Mid-South Fair Contest. The contest will be located in the Downtown Festival Park.

The Mayor's Kickoff Luncheon, which is an invitation-only event, will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The Soybean Festival Parade begins at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Beginning at 8 p.m. in Festival



Pacer Photo/ Alex Jacobi

Park, Dustin Lynch will perform the first concert.

Wednesday will get an early start with the Soybean Festival Prayer Breakfast beginning at 6:45 a.m. in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The speaker at the Prayer Breakfast will be Dr. Tom Rakes, UTM's chancellor.

Following the Prayer Breakfast, there will be the Crossroads Luncheon: A Celebration of Civic Organizations from noon - 1 p.m. at the UTM Student Life Center.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, there will be three separate events happening simultaneously: a Fitness Class Demonstration by The Sideline, a Community Health and Awareness Fair and a Community Dinner and Service Organization Fair.

Wednesday night is Faith and Community Night. Lydia Walker will open the concert at 6 p.m., followed by a performance by The Martins.

Thursday, Sept. 5 will be another early morning with the

Farmer's Breakfast beginning at 6:30 a.m. at Tennessee Tractor. The speaker will be Bill Johnson, CEO of Farm Credit Mid-America.

Following the breakfast, the Soybean Festival Rotary Golf Tournament will be held at 11 a.m. There is a \$65 fee for entering; the deadline for entry is Sept. 3. The entry fee covers lunch, a cart, green fee and a chance to win prizes.

The Cancer Crash Car Bash is from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. on Thursday, as well as Friday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 10 p.m., and Saturday beginning at 4 p.m. The bash events will be held in downtown Martin.

The CE Weldon Library will be hosting the Friends of the Library Used Book Sale on Thursday from 5 p.m. - closing, on Friday from 9 a.m. - closing and on Saturday from 10 a.m. - closing.

The UTM Percussion Ensemble will be hosting a free concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday. This will be followed by a concert by Red Jumpsuit

Apparatus at 9 p.m.

On Friday, Sept. 6, there will be a School Children's Street Fair from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in downtown Martin.

Later that evening, there will be a Bluegrass in the Park event featuring Tim May from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. on the Weldon Park Stage. Immediately following that will be the WCMT/Star 95.1 "Singing Bee" at 7 p.m.

That night will be the Survivor concert at 9 p.m. at the Festival Park.

Saturday morning begins with the American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast from 6:30 - 10:30 a.m. Also beginning at 6:30 a.m. is the North End Crossing Juke & Junkin' Fest, which is a community-wide yard sale that will continue all day. This will also include entertainment by local musicians.

The Soybean Festival 5K Road Race/1 Mile Fun Walk begins at 7:30 a.m. for the kid's run, and 8:15 a.m. for the adult

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Little town offers fun opportunities

**Katie Jarvis**

Staff Writer

UTM is in a quaint town with not much to do for entertainment. Or could there be entertainment that people aren't telling you about?

The thing about UTM is that it is a small college in a small town, but there is always something going on around campus and the surrounding areas. Students just have to know what to look for and where to look.

One entertainment feature UTM offers is through a student-led organization known as the Student Activities Council, or SAC. They are always hosting events on campus to engage students in socializing with others. SAC hosts different game nights including UNO, poker, Halo and pool, and there are always prizes for the winners.

SAC also hosts Sunday night movie night. For students who are just trying to relax before the week begins, Watkins Auditorium in the Boling University Center shows a movie each Sunday for free.

There are also comedy routines called 9:09 that are on Thursday nights. In the past, 9:09 has taken part in many entertaining activities for students, such as a hypnotist, where students are

able to see some of their friends up on stage under hypnosis, acting like complete fools in front of the audience, with no recollection of what they have done until they leave.

For those who don't enjoy the comedy scene, UTM has something else to offer in terms of entertainment. Each semester, the Vanguard Theatre on campus puts on a play. In the past, the Vanguard Theatre has done "The Comedy of Errors" and "Almost, Maine." For those who enjoy theater productions, this is an opportunity to see fellow students act, and now they will be held in the brand new Fine Arts Building.

For those who don't enjoy movies, plays or game nights, the Student Recreation Center offers physical activities. There are so many different activities to get involved in at the SRC. For working out, there is a weight room with top-quality equipment. There are also four basketball courts where students can play a pick-up game of basketball or volleyball. For those interested in finding a group fitness class, there are a variety of classes to join. Some classes that are available include indoor cycling, Zumba and Tighten and Tone. Group fitness classes will begin the second week of class.

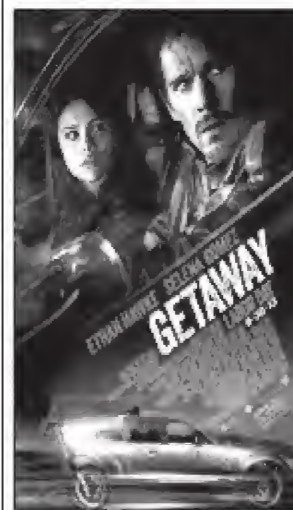
When looking for stores around Martin, be sure to check out the new Dollar Tree and E.W. James. They are located right behind Van's Pharmacy and Huddle House on Skyhawk Parkway. For those on a tight budget, Dollar Tree is the spot to go. For a little extra on the price, E.W. James has top-quality brands and services, including an entrance to the new coffee shop in town, Higher Ground Coffee. Another coffee shop that is local, The Looking Glass in downtown Martin, offers coffee as well, along with a bookstore inside and crafts to buy, made by locals.

When none of the above matches a student's taste in entertainment, he or she can always go to the one place in town where many people from Martin can be found – Walmart. It is filled with aisles of groceries, clothes and other things to indulge spending in. It also has everything that students will need in order to survive college.

UTM is not an SEC school, and the town itself is not big. However, there are activities around campus and in the surrounding areas to do; it just might involve leaving the house and going on an adventure to find some entertainment.

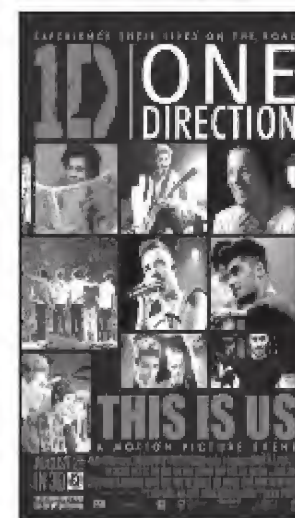
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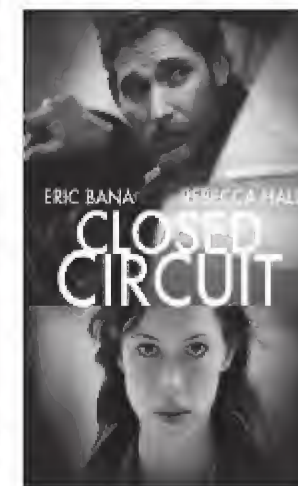
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To save his wife, a man must meet her kidnapper's demands with the help of a stranger.

One Direction:  
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Aug. 30  
One Direction talks about their origins.

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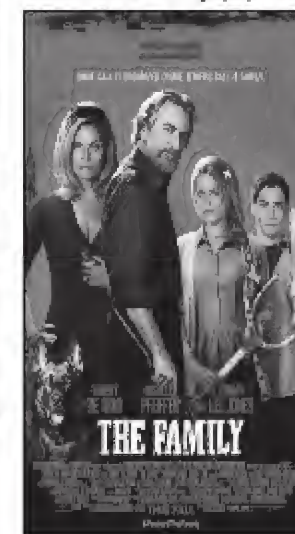
Aug. 30  
Two lawyers defend a terrorist.

Riddick (R)



Sept. 6  
Riddick carries out a plan for revenge.

The Family (R)



Sept. 13  
A family that was formerly part of the mafia goes into witness protection.

Pacer Graphic/ Jenifer Nicks

## Review: 'Percy Jackson' haunts audience

**Jenifer Nicks**

Senior Reporter

"Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters," the follow-up to "Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Lightning Thief," dwarfs the first in both scope and storytelling.

Based on the book series – which I haven't read yet, so don't expect any comparisons – the film follows the tale of the half-blood children of the Greek gods and other mythological creatures in their adventures. When the tree that protects Camp Half-

Blood from the evil creatures that want to destroy it is poisoned, Percy, along with his friends Grover and Annabeth and his newly discovered Cyclops half-brother Tyson, set out to find the Golden Fleece, the only object with the power to heal the tree. On the way, Percy and company, now with their peer Clarisse, must also stop Luke – the bitter half-blood son of Hermes – from obtaining the Fleece.

The story of "Sea of Monsters" is more engaging than "Lightning Thief." An added advantage is that the character of Percy in this film is less cocky and more

introspective. That goes a long way to making this film better than the first. Logan Lerman shows some of that sensitivity that he brought to "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" and none of the blind arrogance of his D'Artagnan in "The Three Musketeers."

The rest of the cast, without exception, also dig their heels in and do some decent acting. Alexandra Daddario, Douglas Smith, Brandon T. Jackson, Leven Rambin and Jake Abel – Annabeth, Tyson, Grover, Clarisse and Luke respectively – are all in their middle to late 20s,

but they look young enough for the audience to buy it.

The most compelling facet of the film is watching these kids long for their parents. They are, essentially, orphans. Unlike the first film, none of the Greek gods are ever actually shown. It's a nice touch as it leaves an almost tangible vacuum where their parents should be.

Overall, the film is extremely sweet and a little heartbreaking. The Camp Half-Blood kids are trying to do the right thing, trying to avoid feeling the bitterness of having a parent abandon them. Those that still have human

parents were separated from them upon entering Camp Half-Blood, so most of them have very little parental guidance outside of the adults that run Camp Half-Blood – Anthony Head's Chiron (a centaur) and Stanley Tucci's Mr. D (or Dionysus if you're up on your Greek mythology).

"Sea of Monsters" is a fascinating and thought-provoking study of what happens when kids are left to grow up on their own. It's a strangely haunting film and it hasn't left me yet.



# Arts & Entertainment



## Review: 'Our Town' enthralls audience

**Alex Jacobi**

*Executive Editor*

When I went to see The 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Theatre's performance of "Our Town" in Union City this weekend, I went with pretty high hopes.

I remembered seeing this Thornton Wilder classic when I was a junior in high school, and while the details were hazy, I remembered enjoying it as a 16-year-old. So, I knew that the play itself would be enjoyable for me, and I also knew some of the cast members, so I figured I would enjoy seeing them in the production.

What I didn't know was that I would genuinely laugh so much or that I would end up crying to the point where I wished that I would have brought tissues.

This was my first time ever seeing a production from the The 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Theatre, and for being a cast of people who all do this in addition to the busy lives they lead – several of the cast are even UTM students and faculty – I was thoroughly impressed with the seamless performance. It had such great acting that I forgot I was at a play in Union City, much less a play in the middle of a lime green dance studio with no props. The range of acting within this play was a wide one, and all the actors bridged that gap successfully, one minute

being silly and the next speaking of strong subjects like life and death.

For those who are unfamiliar with the three-act play, it is about a small town, set in Groves Corners, New Hampshire, in the early 1900s. The first act, called "Daily Life," is introduced by the narrator who talks directly to the audience, telling them about the layout of the town and the people who live in it. The second act, "Love & Marriage," takes place a few years later, showing the love story and wedding of two characters within the town, Emily and George. The third act, "Death and Eternity," takes place nine years later and shows the death of Emily, in which she joins other dead town members and must face the fact that she has to let go of her past life.

This last act, which easily is the best and most influential part of the play, shows Emily looking back on her life when she was 12 years old, watching herself on her birthday and watching her mother and father take part in the normalcy that was their life. As she watches them, she becomes emotional, screaming at them to look at each other more, to soak up the moment. Then, after returning once again to the graveyard, she asks the narrator, "Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it, every, every minute?"

The idea behind that question is precisely why I enjoyed this play so much this weekend and why I enjoyed it five years ago, because this well-written and humorous play not only entertains, but in the end, has a strong thesis – are we truly living our moments and seeing what is eternal, or are we letting the repetition of our days dull the moments into simple motions?

I think the narrator says it best at the beginning of the third act.

"We all know that something is eternal. And it ain't houses and it ain't names, and it ain't earth, and it ain't even the stars. Everybody knows in their bones that something is eternal, and that something has to do with human beings. All the greatest people ever lived have been telling us that for five thousand years and yet you'd be surprised how people are always losing hold of it. There's something way down deep that's eternal about every human being."

The mix of that message with the totally relatable bits of humor associated with living in a small town made this play enjoyable for those who happened to see it in Union City this weekend. For such a deeply moving, yet deeply funny play, I found that The 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Theatre did a fantastic job of portraying what Wilder intended, an entertaining play with a strong message.

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run. The WLJT 2013 Bikers for Books Poker Run is also this morning, with the registration fee being \$15 per player.

The 17th Annual Soybean Festival Car and Bike Show begins at 8 a.m., with the awards presentation at 3 p.m. Admission is free for spectators. Also, the 4th Annual Soybean Festival Disc Golf Tournament will begin at 9 a.m. at the Harrison Road Complex.

The 20th Annual Chicken Crazy, Hog Wild Barbecue Cook-off Award Presentation will be at 12:30 p.m., followed by the Soybean Festival Pet Show at 4 p.m.

That night, Sawyer Brown will be performing at 9 p.m. in the Festival Park.

The Soybean Festival ends with a Sunday Brunch hosted by Sodexo on campus. The brunch is from 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$10.35 per person; kids 10 and under are \$4.95. However, meal plans can also be used for this brunch.

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# Features

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## Student won't let setbacks stop her

**Sheila Scott**

*Features Editor*

When UTM Agriculture Communications senior Mayce Alloway, also known on campus as Mayce Thompson, recently faced second and third-degree burns on over 35 percent of her body, she saw it as a challenge to overcome, not an overwhelming tragedy.

"I relate everything that I am to my religion and my Maker. I think he blessed me with immediate coping skills," Alloway said.

Alloway, who was born in Dyersburg, Tenn., is no stranger to hardship. Growing up she lived with her mother who suffered from mental issues and her father who suffered from epilepsy and was both mentally and physically abusive. Throughout her childhood the family had to move as many as three times a year in order for her father to find work because of his medical condition.

At 15 she married and dropped out of high school to escape her parent's abusive home. At 17 Alloway sought refuge for herself and her baby at a women's shelter, after her husband kicked her in the face while she was holding their daughter.

She later married and was blessed with two more daughters. Her six-year marriage ended when her husband turned to heroin and violently threw her through a glass door.

In September 1994 Alloway took her GED and scored the sixth highest in the state that year.

Alloway became engaged in 2006 and 24 hours later her fiancé was killed in an accident. At this point she sank into a depressive state and secluded herself from the world. While in seclusion she reached a turning point in her life and a television

commercial inspired her to join the Army National Guard.

Alloway began serving six active years in the military in April 2006, including a year in Kuwait and a year in Iraq. At present she holds the rank of E5

months together during their two-year marriage, because they were both in the military.

Alloway tried marriage one more time and even though it ended badly, she still retains hope.

This past summer has also been eventful for Alloway. On May 11 the VA Hospital in Memphis, after running several tests, determined that Alloway had a heart attack. She had experienced sharp pains in her

a rash. In less than 10 minutes of her arrival her throat began to swell and she went into anaphylactic shock. She was given emergency treatment and transported to Volunteer General Hospital. After she had been in a room for several hours she went into anaphylactic shock a second time and had to be transferred to ICU. At this point the doctors have no idea what is causing her allergic reactions. She has an appointment to see an allergist at the VA Hospital Sept. 15.

On Aug. 2 Alloway was cutting down and burning brush in the backyard of a home that is currently unoccupied in Greenfield, Tenn. She had the fire going when it started sprinkling and because she was afraid that the fire was going to go out, she put some gas that she had from mowing into a glass and went towards the fire. She was considering throwing the gas on the fire, when she realized the fire had caught enough that it was not going to go out. As she was turning around to walk away from the fire, an ember popped off of a piece of wood and actually landed in the glass of gas she was holding in her hand. The gas exploded in her hand and her face. As a natural reaction she tried to toss the glass away. This caused the gas to then go all over her body, which then immediately caught fire.

"So, do teach your kids to stop, drop and roll, because that's the first thing that came to mind. It was kind of like a movie in my head. I immediately fell to the ground and started rolling. I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I am on fire!' I could see it like a movie. I could see the grass catching on fire behind me as I was rolling and I could see my hair burning," Alloway said.

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Mayce Alloway pictured above one week after suffering second- and third-degree burns over 35 percent of her body. | **Pacer Photo / Sheila Scott**

and has one year left to serve in the reserves.

While in the military Alloway married again. The marriage was dissolved by mutual agreement. The couple had only managed to spend a combined total of four

"I believe that the perfect man is out there waiting for me, but I'm not looking for him anymore. I'm just going to wait for the Lord to bring me what He wants me to have," Alloway said.

left jaw that radiated down the left side of her neck, left shoulder and arm so intensely she could hardly move.

Alloway went to her doctor's office on July 15 because she was itching and broken out with



# Features

## UTM UNLIMITED

# The World Race is on: UTM alumni make difference

**Sheila Scott**

*Features Editor*

UTM alumnus Brent Acker from Picayune, Miss., and UTM alumna Mary-Katherine Hill from Collierville, Tenn., are living the big life these days traveling all over the world.

Traveling to work with those in need in 11 different countries in 11 months while only being allowed to take along what can be carried on one's back might not be considered living it big to some; however, to those like Acker and Hill who feel compelled to run The World Race, it truly is living big.

"The entire purpose of the trip is to partner with people that are out in the field doing the work of the Lord," Acker said.

According to The World Race website, "The World Race is a stretching journey into 11 countries in 11 months to serve 'the least of these' while amongst real and raw community. This unique mission trip is a challenging adventure for young adults to abandon worldly possessions and a traditional lifestyle in exchange for an understanding that it's not about you; it's about the Kingdom."

Young adults who decide to take on the challenge of running the race are required to raise funds to pay for their travel expenses and meals before beginning his or her journey. The exact dollar amount varies depending on the particular route the squad he or she is assigned to will be taking.

Acker, who was assigned to O Squad, and Hill, who was assigned to M Squad, each needed to raise \$15,500 on their own before beginning the race.

Hill threw herself into fundraising full-time after graduating UTM in May 2012 with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She worked as a nanny, a substitute

teacher and a photographer until late December in order to supplement the donations she received to finance her race.

Acker soon moved to Florida to work for Jacobs Technology Inc. at Eglin Air Force Base after graduating from UTM in December 2010 with a degree in Business Management. When he decided in 2012 to run The World Race, he began holding various fundraisers and received support from local churches, friends and family to finance the necessary funds for his race. Acker's family consists of his mother, two sisters and one brother.

Although Hill could not have known everything that her 11-month journey would involve or mean to her, she was definitely not a rookie where missionary trips were concerned. She went on her first mission trip to Guatemala in 2008 when she was only a senior in high school. That's also when she and

of her parents and younger 18-year-old sister, often vacation together and they recently spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Guatemala visiting Sarai.

Encouragement is a big part of the work that is done by those

Homecoming and Greek Week activities. I always love big activities and being able to cheer all of the different groups on," Hill said.

Hill's humanitarian attitude and the importance of

far has worked in Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Kenya and is currently also working in Uganda. That makes eight different countries in eight months, leaving three more countries in three more months still to go.

"The best part of this trip has been the opportunity to give up everything that I have known in my comfortable Tennessee life and go out into the world completely willing to do whatever God brings my way. I am traveling alongside 50 other people who are just as willing and it is amazing to see what happens when you hand over that independence and see where He leads you. I've found new depth and meaning to life out here and the ability to love people like Jesus has called us to do," Hill said.

While Hill had to leave many things behind in order to do the race, she was very fortunate that she could indulge most of her hobbies while on her journey and was able to acquire a few new ones along the way. Hill enjoys traveling, photography, watching sports, meeting new people, enjoying old friends, participating in anything outdoors, sipping a nice cup of coffee in the mountains of Central America, dancing with orphans in Asia and running on the red dirt roads of Africa. In her missions, she could indulge most of those hobbies, along with gaining some new ones.

"My favorite parts of this project have been traveling the world and helping people, growing more into a man and understanding what it means to be a man, and living in [a] community, which has been great but also difficult at times," Acker said.

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Brent Acker pictured above with Lorenza Hernandez, a woman whose feet he felt the Lord moved him to wash, in El Salvador. | **Photo Courtesy / Brent Acker**



Mary-Katherine Hill pictured above holding a child in Honduras. | **Photo Courtesy / Mary-Katherine Hill**

her family started sponsoring a little girl named Sarai. Since then, she and her mother have led a group to the same children's home in Guatemala seven times. Hill's family, which consists

running The World Race and Hill's encouragement skills were nurtured and put to good use during her years at UTM.

"My favorite experiences at UT Martin were always the

community participation were also evident during her years at UTM. While on campus she was an Alpha Delta Pi, a TOMS campus representative, a Garnet Girl for Pi Kappa Alpha and she participated in the Spanish Club and Habitat for Humanity.

Acker's community participation was also evident during his years at UTM. While on campus he played middle linebacker on the football team, was a part of Interfaith, worked with H.Y.P.E. (Holy Young People Empowered) a ministry through Oak Grove Baptist Church and was a member of FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes).

Hill's squad left Washington in January and so far has worked in Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, Rwanda and is currently working in Uganda. Acker's squad also left Washington in January and so



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After rolling on the ground, she jumped up and looked down at her right arm and hand; they no longer were covered with skin. At that point she knew that she was hurt badly, but didn't realize at that time that her legs had also sustained third-degree burns. She knew her face was burned but just hoped it didn't look as bad as her arm and hand. She ran in search of water to cool her burning body. She found a working water hydrant behind a neighbor's house and stood with the water pouring over her to get some relief.

Before the fire occurred, Alloway had been scheduled to pick up her 2½-year-old grandson. With that in mind, after running water over her body she returned to her car and drove herself to Martin, where her grandson was. Her daughter called an ambulance for her. When it arrived, the medical personnel could not believe that Alloway had even survived such a fire, much less driven herself from Greenfield to Martin.

A neighbor later told her daughter that when the gas ignited the windows in his house rattled, and he at first thought a gas line had burst.

Alloway was transported to the Vanderbilt Burn Center in Nashville where she received preliminary treatment for her burns. She was

“When you see me, remember that whatever hardships you endure, not just in college but afterwards, don't let anything stop you from what you want to do, because life is not getting any shorter. Get out there, get your degree, get your career started and be somebody.

released from the hospital and was unable to receive the recommended skin graft surgery and therapy because the VA refused to pay for further treatment and medical supplies.

Alloway, who hopes to graduate Spring 2014, plans to continue her schooling and fulfill her duties as NTSA president for the Fall 2013 semester even if she has to walk



Macey Alloway, whose last name was Thompson when this picture was taken, poses at Camp Liberty in Baghdad, Iraq. | **Photo Courtesy / Macey Alloway**

around campus like a mummy.

“So, when you guys get back to campus this semester and you see the chick running around in the mummy suit, that's me. When you see me, remember that whatever hardships you endure, not just in college but afterwards, don't let anything stop you from what you want to do, because life is not getting any shorter. Get out there, get your

degree, get your career started and be somebody,” Alloway said.

A burn fund has been set up for Alloway to help with medical expenses. Anyone wishing to donate may do so on Facebook at “MAYCE Mayce Rose Blackley-Alloway Burn Fund.” Visit *The Pacer's* website [www.thepacer.net](http://www.thepacer.net) to view additional photos and a personal video message from Alloway.

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“Don't complain that there is 'nothing to do.' I'm in the bush of Africa right now and let me tell [you] ... there's plenty to do in Martin.

Acker also had to leave behind many things in order to do the race, but because he gets to help people, he has the added bonus of knowing that he helped to put a smile on someone's face, which always makes his day. He also enjoys playing basketball, football, golf, going to Bible studies and being a mentor to high school students.

“In every country we have a contact that we work with in that country. So, we don't have a specific thing that we do from month to month. Some months we have done manual labor, [such as] building a dam for a tilapia

farm, moving rocks, tearing down houses and building rock walls. I have worked in churches, orphanages, schools, communities and done street evangelism. Basically we do whatever our contacts ask of us,” Acker said.

As for current college students, Hill advises them to soak up the experience.

“Live it up! I always took it as a grain of salt when people would tell me how fast college flies by, but it's so true. I cannot believe that I was in Martin for four years. Appreciate the small town and the simple joys. Don't complain that there is 'nothing to do.' I'm in

the bush of Africa right now and let me tell [you] ... there's plenty to do in Martin,” Hill said.

Visit Acker's blog [www.brentacker.theworldrace.org](http://www.brentacker.theworldrace.org) to follow his squad's progress and visit Hill's blog [www.mkhill.theworldrace.org](http://www.mkhill.theworldrace.org) to follow her squad's progress through the next three countries they will visit while they finish *The World Race*. To learn more about *The World Race*, visit [www.theworldrace.org](http://www.theworldrace.org). To view more pictures of both Acker's and Hill's travels, visit *The Pacer's* website [www.thepacer.net](http://www.thepacer.net).

## Feature ideas wanted

This year the section that was previously called Life of *The Pacer* is now two sections: Arts and Entertainment and Features. The new Features section will be focusing on two aspects. First, the features section will contain any major issue occurring on campus or anything that greatly affects it and merits an in-depth article. Second, the features section will contain a series of human-interest articles titled “UTM Unlimited.” In order for an article to qualify for this series, it needs to have a UTM connection and also be able to be humanized. The UTM connections are unlimited, such as, interesting or successful UTM alumni, people working at or attending UTM who are related and current UTM students, who for one reason or another deserve to have their story told. Please send any feature ideas that meet any of the above criteria to me, at [shefscot@ut.utm.edu](mailto:shefscot@ut.utm.edu).

**Sheila Scott**  
Features editor



# Sports

## Skyhawk soccer plays Middle Tennessee to scoreless draw at home

### Sports Information

The UTM soccer team's defensive unit stole the show this afternoon, shutting out Middle Tennessee State University and forcing a 0-0 double overtime scoreless tie.

Freshman Ellie Myrick led the way for the Skyhawks (0-1-1) with five shots – three of which were on goal. Aoife Lennon, Dominika Conc, Alyssa Curtis and Michelle Calmeyn also recorded two shot attempts each for UTM.

Junior Mariah Klenke once again proved to be a force in goal, recording her first shutout on the season and the ninth of her career. Klenke recorded nine saves on the afternoon in all 110 minutes, giving her 16 on the season.

Lennon fired the Skyhawks' first shot of the day at the 6:55 mark, but her shot was saved by Kelsey Brouwer. The Skyhawks would tally three consecutive shots off the feet of Curtis and Conc while a header by Jaclyn Heckle was also saved at the 22:43 mark.

At the 33:42 mark, Calmeyn tallied the final shot of the first half that nearly proved to be the difference before Brouwer recorded the save. UTM would hold a 5-3 advantage in the shot column going into the break.

The Skyhawks opened the second half with a trio of shot attempts within six minutes. Senior Hannah McGowen got the second period started with a shot at the 51:07 mark, which was blocked. Conc responded with a shot of her own just 27 seconds later that sailed just right of the post. Myrick almost broke the match open with a header at the 56:55 mark off an

assist from McGowen, but the ball sailed just over the crossbar, leaving the match scoreless.

Klenke saw three consecutive shots come her way over the span of three minutes. Middle Tennessee's 2012 Freshman of the Year tallied one of her team-high five shots at the 62:43 mark, sailing wide right.

At the 73:56 mark of regulation, Myrick posted the Skyhawks' final shot of regulation.

Klenke tallied four saves in the overtime periods, clinching the shutout with her final save of the game at the 109:46 mark.

"A lot of our chances fell to freshmen today, but I'm delighted that the likes of Aoife, Ellie and Michelle have started to create opportunities for themselves," said UTM head soccer coach Phil McNamara. "We grew a lot this weekend at the forward position despite how young we are at those spots."

"Putting back-to-back performances the way we did, the work rate of the girls and our style of play is starting to create many more opportunities for us," McNamara continued. "We had the more dangerous opportunities and higher possessions on the day. I have to give my girls the credit as they really dug in deep against a fresh opponent and competed until the end. I think this performance today and against Oklahoma State will help us in the long run."

UTM will now shift their focus to the road as they embark on a four-game road tilt, which will begin at Evansville next weekend. The matchup with the Purple Aces is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30.

### Schedule from 8/26 – 9/10

Football @ UTC 8/29

Volleyball @ Bradley Tournament (Peoria, Ill.) 8/30-31

Soccer @ Evansville 8/30

Cross-Country @ Belmont 8/30

Soccer @ Lipscomb 9/2

Volleyball vs. Evansville 9/3

Volleyball @ Chattanooga Tournament 9/6-7

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Football @ Boise State 9/7

Soccer vs. Colorado (@ Denver) 9/8

Golf @ Wasioto Winds 9/8

## The Pacer to award Player of the Year award for 2013-14 seasons

### Bradley Stringfield

Managing Editor Online / Sports Editor

Many of UTM's athletes have earned high honors from various organizations, such as the Ohio Valley Conference and Tennessee Sports Writers Association, but next April one of UTM's student-athletes will take home the inaugural *Pacer* Player of the Year award.

Each week, starting with the first week of the school year, a player will be named the *Pacer* Player of the Week. This award will be given to athletes whose performance stands out among not only the rest of their teammates, but also the rest of the athletes who performed during that week.

The criteria for this award is simple: The athlete who stands out the most in his or her efforts to propel a team to victory in the eyes of the committee presenting the award will be the player who is recognized each week.

The Player of the Week will be announced the day after the last game of the week has been played. Announcements will be made online, as well as on our Facebook page, The Pacer, and our Twitter accounts, @ThePacer and @PacerSports.

Next April, whichever players have taken home the most Player of the Week honors for their respective teams will be added to the group of players who will be in contention for the Player of the Year Award.

The vote for Player of the Year will be a public poll that will be held on our web site and through social media, though our media staff will determine each Player of the Week. However, the combination of the student body, athletes and fans of UTM will decide Player of the Year.

The award will be announced the week before finals and the winner will be presented an award from *The Pacer*. The first Player of the Week will be announced Sunday, Sept. 1.

## Wide receiver named to 2014 Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

### Sports Information

Jeremy Butler, from the UTM football team, has been spotlighted for the Reese's Senior Bowl's 2014 Watch List.

A 6-3, 205-pound senior wide receiver, Butler is one of 67 Football Championship Subdivision players and one of five Ohio Valley Conference players on the prestigious list. The list includes more than 400 student-athletes from nearly every level of college football and is a starting ground for who will fill 110 roster spots that form the

North and South squads for the nation's premier all-star game. The 2014 Reese's Senior Bowl will take place in Mobile, Ala., on Jan. 25.

Butler established himself as one of the league's most dynamic red-zone threats last season, accounting for 10 touchdowns in 10 games. He led the OVC with a trio of multi-touchdown games, including a four-touchdown performance in a win at Murray State on Oct. 13.

Overall, Butler hauled in 51 catches for 750 yards, cracking the 100-yard receiving plateau

on three occasions. In the four-touchdown effort at Murray State, the Bradenton, Fla., native was responsible for a career-best 177 yards on eight catches. He also set a career-high with 13 receptions (for 142 yards) at Tennessee Tech on Nov. 11 and added 101 yards receiving against Jacksonville State on Nov. 3.

So far, Butler has been named a Preseason All-American by USA College Football. He has also been recognized by College Sports Madness, Phil Steele Publications and College Football Performance Awards.

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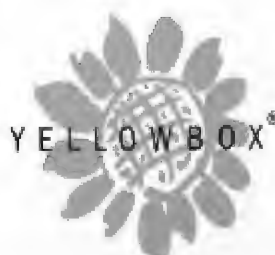


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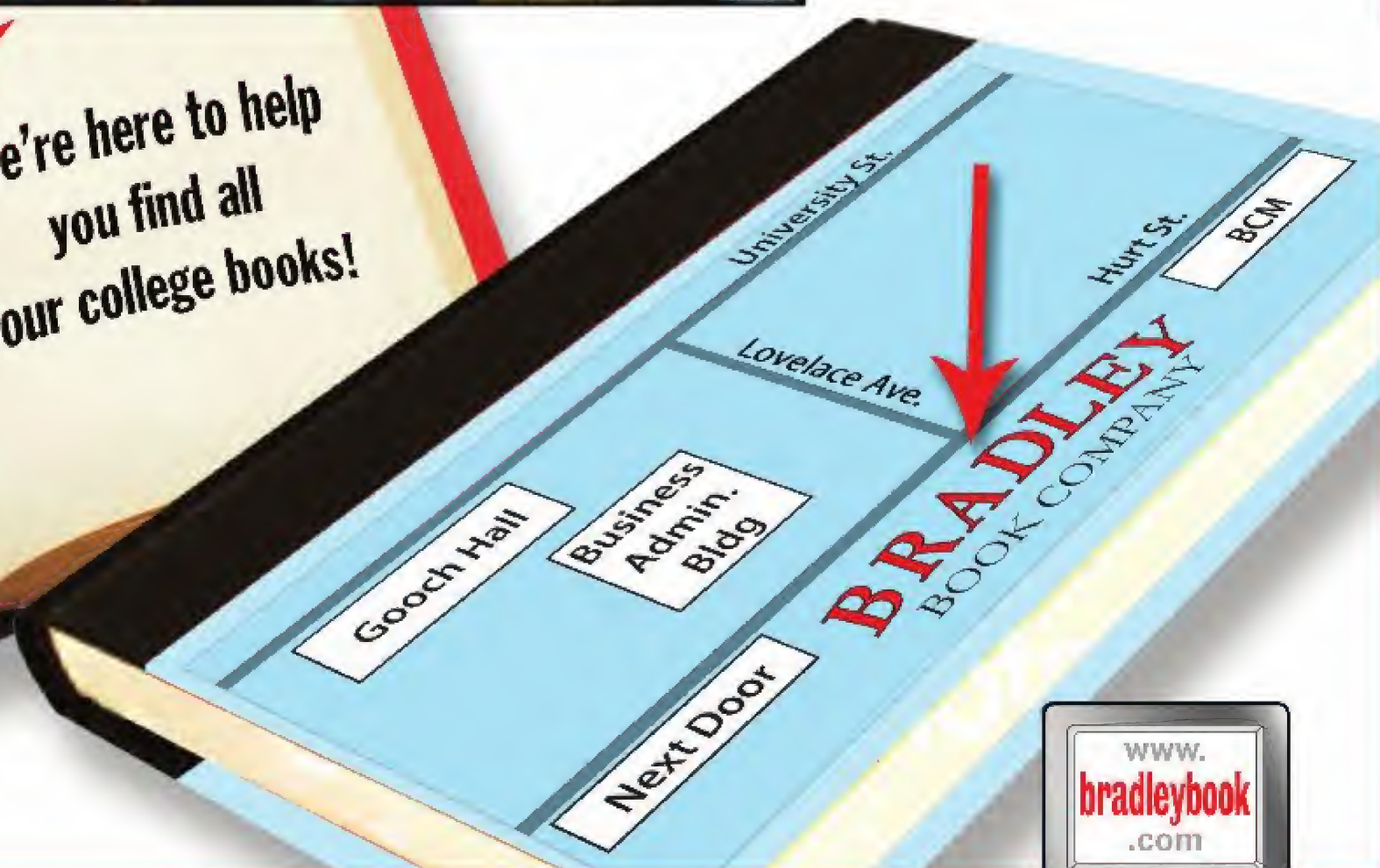
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